

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the following paragraphs beginning at page 11, line 5, as follows:

FIG. 2: (Panel A)--The nucleotide sequence of CH-1 [SEQ ID NO:1];

(Panel B)--Comparison with the nucleotide sequence of the mouse *amyloid beta-peptide binding protein* [SEQ ID NOS:10-11] and (Panel C)--Comparison with the nucleotide sequence of the *human short-chain alcohol dehydrogenase* [SEQ ID NOS:12-13].

FIG. 3: (Panel A)--The nucleotide sequence of CH-2 [SEQ ID NO:2] and (Panel B)--Comparison with the nucleotide sequence of mouse  $\alpha$ -1 *Collagen Type III* [SEQ ID NOS:14-15].

FIG. 4: (Panel A)--The nucleotide sequence of CH-3 [SEQ ID NO:3] and (Panel B)--Comparison with the nucleotide sequence of mouse  $\alpha$ -1 *Collagen Type IV* [SEQ ID NOS:16-18].

FIG. 5: (Panel A)--The nucleotide sequence of CH-4 [SEQ ID NO:4] and (Panel B)--Comparison with the nucleotide sequence of human *Collagen Type XIV* [SEQ ID NO:4 and SEQ ID NO:19].

FIG. 6: (Panel A)--The nucleotide sequence of CH-5 [SEQ ID NO:5] and (Panel B)--Comparison with the human *13 kD DAP* [SEQ ID NOS:20-22].

FIG. 7: (Panel A)--The nucleotide sequence of CH-6 [SEQ ID NO:6] and (Panel B)--Comparison with the nucleotide sequence of mouse *Gelsolin* [SEQ ID NOS:23-25].

FIG. 8: (Panel A)--The nucleotide sequence of CH-7 [SEQ ID NO:7] and (Panel B)--Comparison with the nucleotide sequence of rat *Osteonectin* [SEQ ID NO:7 and SEQ ID NO:26].

FIG. 9: (Panel A)--The nucleotide sequence of CH-8 [SEQ ID NO:8] and (Panel B)--Comparison with the nucleotide sequence of mouse *Transglutaminase* [SEQ ID NOS:27-29].

FIG. 10: (Panel A)--The nucleotide sequence of CH-9 [SEQ ID NO:9] and (Panel B)--Comparison with the nucleotide sequence of mouse *Zyxin* [SEQ ID NOS:30-32].

Please insert the sequence listing filed on November 25, 2003 into the specification after the Abstract.